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Commissioner for Patents
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SUPPLEMENTAL PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examination and prior to the calculation of the filing fee, please amend this application as follows:

In the claims:

Please add claims 7-21.

7. (New) A method of preventing and treating a mammal which can comprise administering thereto an effective amount of the agent of claim 1.

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8. (New) The method of claim 7 wherein said chromanol glycoside is 2-(α -D-glycopyranosyl)methyl-2,5,7,8-tetramethyl chroman-6-ol, 2-(β -D-galactopyranosyl)methyl-2,5,7,8-tetramethyl chroman-6-ol, and 2-(α -D-mannopyranosyl)methyl-2,5,7,8-tetramethyl chroman-6-ol.